

## Bay Management Study Pilot Project Description

<b><i>Applicant</i></b> Quebec Labrador Foundation/The Muscongus Bay Project Committee
<b><i>Geographic Area</i></b> Muscongus Bay (including Medomak River estuary and Georges River estuary)
<b><i>Major Activities Planned</i></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Written survey of 1,000 households in the study area and random personal interviews at one local event in each community. <i>Purpose:</i> Identify local issues and concerns regarding coastal resources.</li><li>2. Local leader and primary user group Round Tables (up to 10). <i>Purpose:</i> Develop more complete understanding of how issues affect users and of what aspects of governance could be improved to facilitate better bay management.</li><li>3. Marine Area Characterization. <i>Purpose:</i> Provide comprehensive understanding of Muscongus Bay as well as the people who live there.</li><li>4. Improve Muscongus Bay Project Committee Coordination <i>Purpose:</i> Expand and formalize the ad hoc Committee</li><li>5. Muscongus Bay Forum (one day workshop at end of 12 month period) for watershed residents. <i>Purpose:</i> Review and respond to issues raised in the survey, recommendations proposed in the roundtables, and uses identified in the characterization.</li></ol>
<b><i>Governance Model to be Explored</i></b> <p>Over all, the Muscongus Bay Project intends to explore a community-based management approach in which communities participate in making and implementing coastal policies and programs. In addition, they are interested in aspects of the landscape/seascape management model approach to conservation that considers both ecological and social issues, as well as ‘community-conserved areas’ in which the community decides how to manage a discrete geographic area in the absence of any legal mandate.</p>

